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ALARMING CIVIL WAR NEWS

Generalissimo Calls Hasty Conference Manchuria Drive Stepped Up

Shanghai, Dec. 23. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek presided over a hastily summoned conference at his residence in Nanking last night of top-ranking military leaders as a stream of alarming dispatches from the main civil war fronts poured into the capital.

Little has leaked out of what transpired at the conference but usually reliable Chinese quarters said that the Generalissimo urged greater efforts by all concerned to suppress the Communist rebellion.

Among those present at the discussion were General Chang Chih-chung, Director of the Generalissimo's Northwest Headquarters; General Ma Hung-kwei, Governor of Ninghsia province; General Hu Tsung-nan, commander in Shensi province and General Chen Tung-kuo, deputy director of the Generalissimo's headquarters in Mukden.

Generals Hu and Ma had made the trip from Sian, capital of Shensi and Ninghsia city, respectively, especially for the meeting, which followed the receipt of disquieting reports from Manchuria, North Honan and Central China.

As Christmas approached the Reds in Manchuria stepped up

their drive aimed more probably at isolating than capturing Mukden, and in the words of Nationalist dispatches, were hammering at all gateways to city.

Haicheng Lost

Acknowledged reverses included loss of Haicheng on the Mukden-Dunmen railway 70 miles south of the Manchurian Headquarters.

While larger bodies of Reds struck at strongholds guarding routes to the city, guerrilla bands infiltrated to points only 11 miles south, where they conducted harassing operations.

More substantial attacks occurred near the Nationalist-held towns of Hsia-min, 35 miles west of Mukden, and Faku, 45 miles north.

The Reds were also reported gathering on the flanks of the Chinese Changchun railway near Kunchuling (Princess Ridge), 35 miles southwest of Changchun.

Chinwangtiao

In Mukden, according to reports carried by all newspapers here, skyrocketing prices caused seven suicides in a single day and an unprecedented wave of robberies.

Severe fighting was reported west of Chinhien on the Peiping-Mukden railway, about half way between the Great Wall and Mukden.

South of the Great Wall, the Reds damaged the railway at several points, causing continued paralysis of traffic between Tientsin and Shanhua-kuan.

Fighting near Chinwangtiao, the seaport just south of the Great Wall, also was reported and gunfire was said to be clearly audible there.—Reuter and Associated Press.

A police spokesman today said that all opium addicts as yet not on their records will be given a week's grace until the end of the year to submit themselves to the police for examination and record.

The police believe that there is a considerable number of smugglers based at Kunming, provincial capital of Yunnan, who are operating a supply service to Shanghai.—Reuter.

Battle Of Adverts

Shanghai, Dec. 23. The city's newsprint war between the Newspaper Publishers Guild and two foreign-owned newspapers—the American Shanghai Evening Post and the British North China Daily News—today was fast developing into a "battle of paid ads."

Charging the China Press which gets the largest newsprint allocation from the Guild—with failing to inform its readers with the "full facts on quotas," the Evening Post announced it was offering to place a half-page paid advertisement in the China Press stating the Post's case.

Publisher T.L. Tseng told the United Press he had accepted the advertisement—but was offering the Post also a half-page advertisement stating the China Press case.

It was understood that the China Press will bill the Evening Post CN\$9,000,000, for the space. If the Evening Post accepts the China Press copy it is expected the same will be charged.—United Press.

T. V. SOONG IN COLONY

Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, and Madame Soong, arrived in the Colony by plane from Canton yesterday afternoon. Class friends said they will be spending Christmas in Hong Kong.

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No Jap Paper For Hong Kong

Tokyo, Dec. 23. Board of Trade officials have abandoned plans to export 1,200,000 pounds of high-grade newsprint to Hong Kong, India and southern Pacific regions due to a shortage of coal, pulp and chemicals.

The officials said that the plan was given up when the Economic Stabilization Board in charge of allocating materials refused the allotment of 1,000 tons of coal and other materials which were reserved for more essential reconstruction projects.—Central News.

Austerity Xmas In 'Northern Port'

Shanghai, Dec. 23. The high cost of living plus orders to the police to enforce the austerity regulations are expected to result in a less lavish Christmas in Shanghai.

The city police today rejected plans of local ballrooms, bars, restaurants and hotels for permission to remain open to 1 a.m.—two hours past the 11 p.m. regular closing time, and also warned night spots that the austerity regulations remain effective.—Christman or no Christman.

The police announced that regulars will be joined by members of the junior police, sending inspection parties around.

In addition to enforcing closing hours the police also were

instructed to see that no patron is charged more than CN\$400—900—about US\$0.75 for a Christmas dinner.

While most Yule parties will be held in private homes and private clubs the increased costs will be felt all the way round.

Here are a few examples (in U.S. dollars): trees, \$3 to \$5;

turkey meat, 70 cent per pound; fruit cakes, \$1.50 to \$5; mint coat, \$600 for the lowest grade up to \$1,000 for a good grade; nylon hose, \$3 to \$4; shoes, \$7; shirts, \$3 upwards; ties, \$3 upwards; socks, \$3 upwards; chocolate candy, \$2.50 per pound.

Persons playing Santa Claus will further be stumped by a lack of novel imported toys.

Import regulations prohibit toys—

even those coming in Christmas parcels from abroad.—United Press.

TIGER HUNT IN KWEILIN

Nanking, Dec. 23. A Central News dispatch from Kweilin said the discovery of a mutilated human body outside the city gate started a hunt for man-eating tigers with special squads of armed hunters assigned to track down the animals.—Associated Press.

A big Japanese political upheaval in mid-January, following reports of a hundred gods scandal, was predicted by Mr. Hitoshi Aida, Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and President of the Democratic Party.

The first report of the Hoarded Goods Committee, published on Saturday, blamed all the Japanese governments since the surrender in 1945 for the scandal.

Mr. Aida, confirming the allegations that many prominent politicians were implicated, said that the committee was particularly active and their investigations would result in some political parties becoming involved, thus causing political changes.

Reuter and Associated Press.

Spectacular Surge On Gold Market

Gold's upswing yesterday was as spectacular as its landslide on Monday.

Opening at \$274 a tael it climbed almost non-stop ten points to \$283.75, closing slightly easier at \$282.

Most operators were taken by surprise and were uncertain which way to operate.

Blasters opened at \$11.40 a 100. After easing to \$11.35 the rate climbed to \$11.60, and closed at \$11.57.

Chinese National Council was quoted nominal at 33 1/4 cts for futures and 42 cts for spot (for CN\$10,000).

U.S. Dollars Recovered from the previous day's setback and at the close of the market yesterday were back to 42 1/4 cts, though the underone continued weak.

Sterling was stronger at \$18.40, while Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.61.

Gold and N.E. Guilders were quoted 100 on the Exchange at \$27.80 and \$36.70 a 100 respectively.

In Shanghai, yesterday (says Reuter) the open market rate for the U.S. dollar was CN\$82,000 (buyers) and CN\$84,000 (re-

LATE FERRY SERVICE FOR HOLIDAYS

Merry-makers will be glad to hear that extra ferries are being put on by the Star Ferry Co. during the Christmas holidays.

The ferry service (a 15-minute one) will be extended to 2.30 a.m. from Hong Kong, and 2.15 a.m. from Kowloon tomorrow; and to 1.30 a.m. and 1.15 a.m., respectively on Boxing Day.

"Red Dean" Subject Of Controversy

LONDON, Dec. 23. CONTROVERSY OVER THE POLITICAL OPINIONS OF DR. HEWLETT JOHNSON, BRITISH RELIGIOUS LEADER CALLED "THE RED DEAN" BECAUSE OF HIS SUPPORT OF COMMUNISM, IS STILL RAGING. A WEEK AFTER THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY HAD REPUDIATED HIS ACTION AND UTTERANCES.

Letters supporting and condemning the 73-year-old silver-haired dean, who on his return in October from a nine-weeks tour of eastern Europe, referred to the countries he had visited as "those splendid new worlds," have been appearing in the influential correspondence columns of the Times and Daily Telegraph.

The Bishop of Chichester, writing in the Times today on the effects abroad of Dr. Johnson's actions and words, said: "For the Dean of Canterbury, to propagate his opinions of the Soviet system without regard to the general Christian opinion and with great publicity in different parts of Europe, is to do disservice to the Christian cause."

Reports today said that the Dean's book on Russia "The Socialist Sixth of the World" has been attributed to the Archbishop of Canterbury on the title page of the Czech translation.—Reuter.

Monty To Report On Africa Base Plan

London, Dec. 23. Field Marshall Lord Montgomery will shortly submit a detailed report to the committee on regions of the African Continent, according to British reports.

Lord Montgomery, who returned last week from an extensive tour of Africa and Egypt, will refer to the South African Government's idea of dispersal of industry as part of the overall defence plan.

His report is expected also to make recommendations for the future Middle East Headquarters.

A high Government source indicated that Kenya was likely to be the future supply base for Britain after the evacuation of Egypt and Palestine.

Mombasa, port of Kenya, is already being used as a reception site for military supplies and stores evacuated from Egypt, Palestine and India.

Lord Montgomery's report is expected to advise whether Mombasa is to be made the main store depot for the Middle East or Middle East Headquarters itself.—United Press.

CLAIMS ON BANK DEPOSITS

Nanking, Dec. 23. The Legislative Yuan today approved regulations for settlement of claims on pre-war bank deposits, ordering payment of CN\$1,703,462 for each Chinese dollar deposited on Aug. 14, 1937 and 700,670 Chinese dollars for each one deposited on Dec. 9, 1941.—Associated Press.

Loan Ban Rescinded

Nanking, Dec. 23. The Governor, today, rescinded a resolution, amending a financial control regulation to prohibit banks and for communication facilities, production of exportable goods and production of essentials.

The Yuan ordered that the resolution goes into immediate effect, without the usual State Council approval. The same order authorized the new Finance Control Bureau to inspect banks of national banks which are permitted to do so.

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NEW CONSTITUTION

Nanking Statement Expected Tomorrow

Nanking, Dec. 23. The Chinese Government Information Office said today that the Government will issue a statement on Christmas Day announcing officially the conclusion of the Kuomintang's 20-year-old political tutelage and enforcement of constitutional rule in China.

The statement probably will also announce the date of the convocation of the National Assembly to elect the first democratic president who will form a constitutional government.

Despite the delayed convocation of the National Assembly the constitution adopted last Christmas will be considered effective beginning the day after tomorrow. All Government policies and actions will be taken in conformity with the new constitution but certain of the civil rights guaranteed the people in the constitution will be withheld due to the existing state of rebellion.

The Government's emergency law for the treatment and punishment of Communists and their fellow travellers will continue in force, which will entail necessary temporary suspension of habeas corpus rights and continued imposition of limited censorship.

Dissolution

The Legislative Yuan has adopted regulations governing the procedure of replacing the present regime with a constitutional Government. Each of the present governmental organs and its five yuan will be dissolved as soon as new corresponding organs are established.

The Government today ordered flags to be flown throughout the country on Christmas Day to celebrate the beginning of constitutional rule.—United Press.

CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

Frankfurt, Dec. 23. Two crack passenger trains jammed with Christmas travellers collided head on near Neuweil today, and the German police said at least 37 persons were killed and more than 300 seriously injured, 98 seriously.

German police at the town, which is in the French occupation zone, said 37 bodies had already been removed from the twisted wreckage. Search parties, which included some French troops, feared four others might still be buried in the wreckage and a search for the additional casualties was continuing despite heavy rain.

The accident occurred when the Munich-Dortmund "Inter-Continental" express and the fast Eifelburg-Dortmund flier smashed together.

No bodies of Allied persons were found.—United Press.

Their women folk were alleged to have bound Mortimer and beaten him to death. An African policeman was also killed. Two more African constables and one arrested man died today from wounds.—Reuter.

Mexico City, Dec. 23. One was killed and 51 injured, six seriously, when two passenger trains collided head on at Esperanza, the halfway point on the Mexico City-Vera Cruz railway.—Associated Press.

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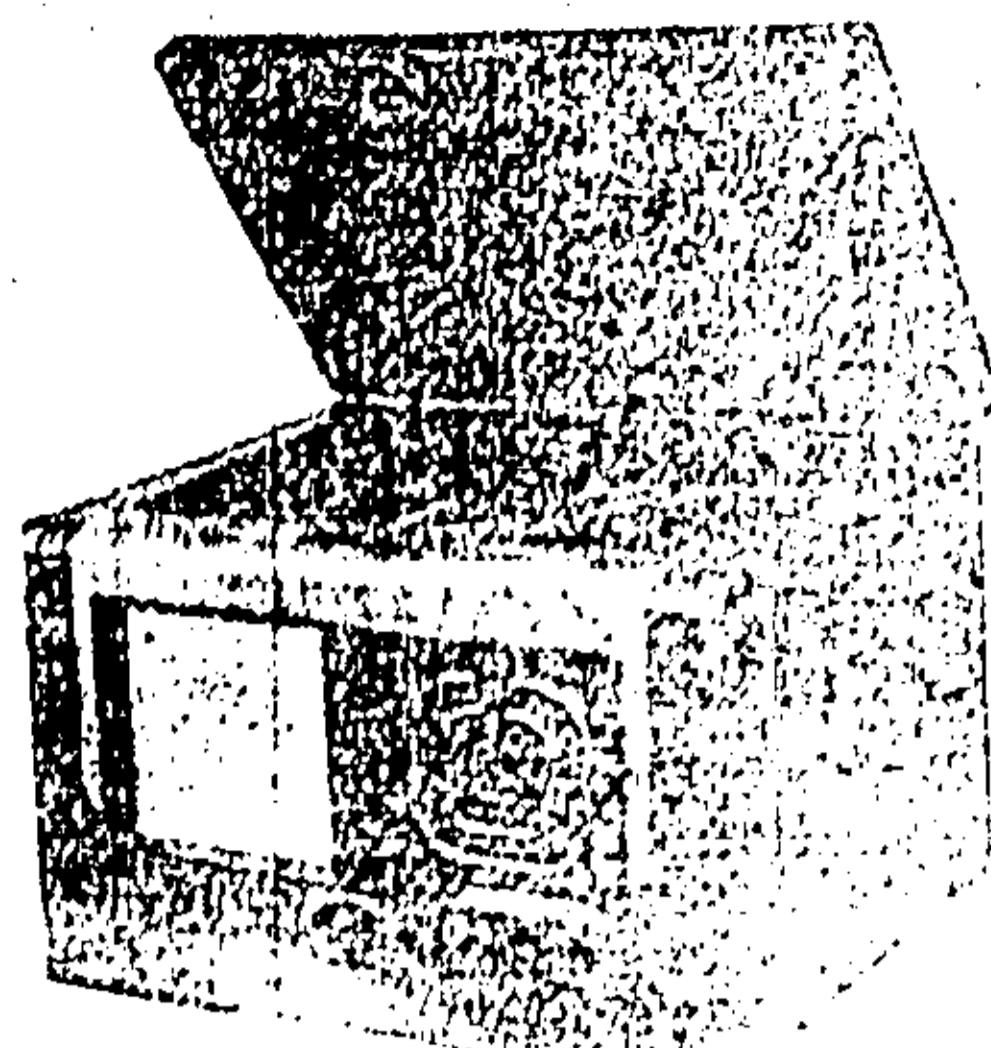
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Headmaster On Trial

GIRL'S STORY OF PICNICS

Further evidence was heard by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday in the case in which Leung Ngai-chi (36), headmaster, and Leung Mong (32) clerk, of the Yeung Tak Middle School are charged with conspiracy to falsify the accounts of the school.

First defendant is further charged on six counts of larceny of school funds. Mr. P. J. Griffiths is appearing for the defendants, while Mr. A. J. Clifford, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. Miss Mau Fung-yuen, daughter

BOX-HOLDERS WARNED

The attention of all box holders is drawn by the Postmaster-General to the last paragraph on Page 40 of the Hong-Kong Post Office Guide (1939) which reads as follows:

"A private box may not be rented in a fictitious name, or for an improper purpose. The Postmaster-General may refuse to let or lend a box to any person without assigning any reason for such refusal."

The Postmaster-General advises box holders that they may not transfer, sublet and/or in any way allow the use of boxes allotted to them without first securing permission from him, and that failure to abide by this rule will result in automatic cancellation of the box(es) as well as for such improper pur-

poses. She declared that the school went for an outing at Diamond Hill. They walked there and back, she said, and at Diamond Hill she was given a couple of pieces of bread. The students all brought their own bread. No refreshments were provided by the school asserted witness.

Referring to another picnic to 11-mile Beach, Miss Mau said a lorry was used as transport. The fares on both trips were paid by the students themselves, as was the cost of refreshments. She herself was given, two slices of bread by the first defendant. Hearing will be resumed today.

The Yellow Dragon Is Out Again

As the Acting Principal of Queen's College, Mr. N. Williamson, says in an introduction, "the Yellow Dragon breathes yet." An illustrated number, with the familiar artistic cover, and some seventy pages of varied material in English and Chinese, has appeared. This, the first of volume forty-three, comes after a lapse of over six years.

Queen's College now fills every corner of the Old Japanese School in Kennedy Road with a necessarily limited student body of over 250 and an academic staff of sixteen, with courses leading to both Hong Kong University and London Matriculations.

Together with many students' contributions in which the leit motif is the rigours of the Occupation, are special interest three staff articles: a reminiscent documentation by Mr. Crook, headmaster, from 1925 to 1929; a poignant testimony to "Those who Died," by Mr. F. K. Chan; and a masterly exposition of "Tones in Cantonese" by that well-known authority, Mr. Leung Ping Hin.

Mickey Clarke Leaving

When the "Strathnaver" sails for the United Kingdom today she will be taking away a hockey player who has figured prominently in numerous matches in Hong Kong during the past year.

The player in question is charming Sergeant (Miss) Mickey Clarke, A.T.S., who is proceeding Home after two years in the Far East.

"Mickey," as she is popularly called, arrived in Hong Kong from Japan about a year ago. Within that period she has become quite a prominent figure in the local sporting world.

During the six years she has been with the A.T.S., Mickey has seen service in India, various places in the South-East Command, Australia, Japan and Hong Kong. Wherever she was posted, Miss Clarke always took every opportunity to indulge in her favourite sport—hockey.

C.I.C. GOING SOUTH

Vice-Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, is leaving on January 6 for Singapore in his flagship, HMS "London."

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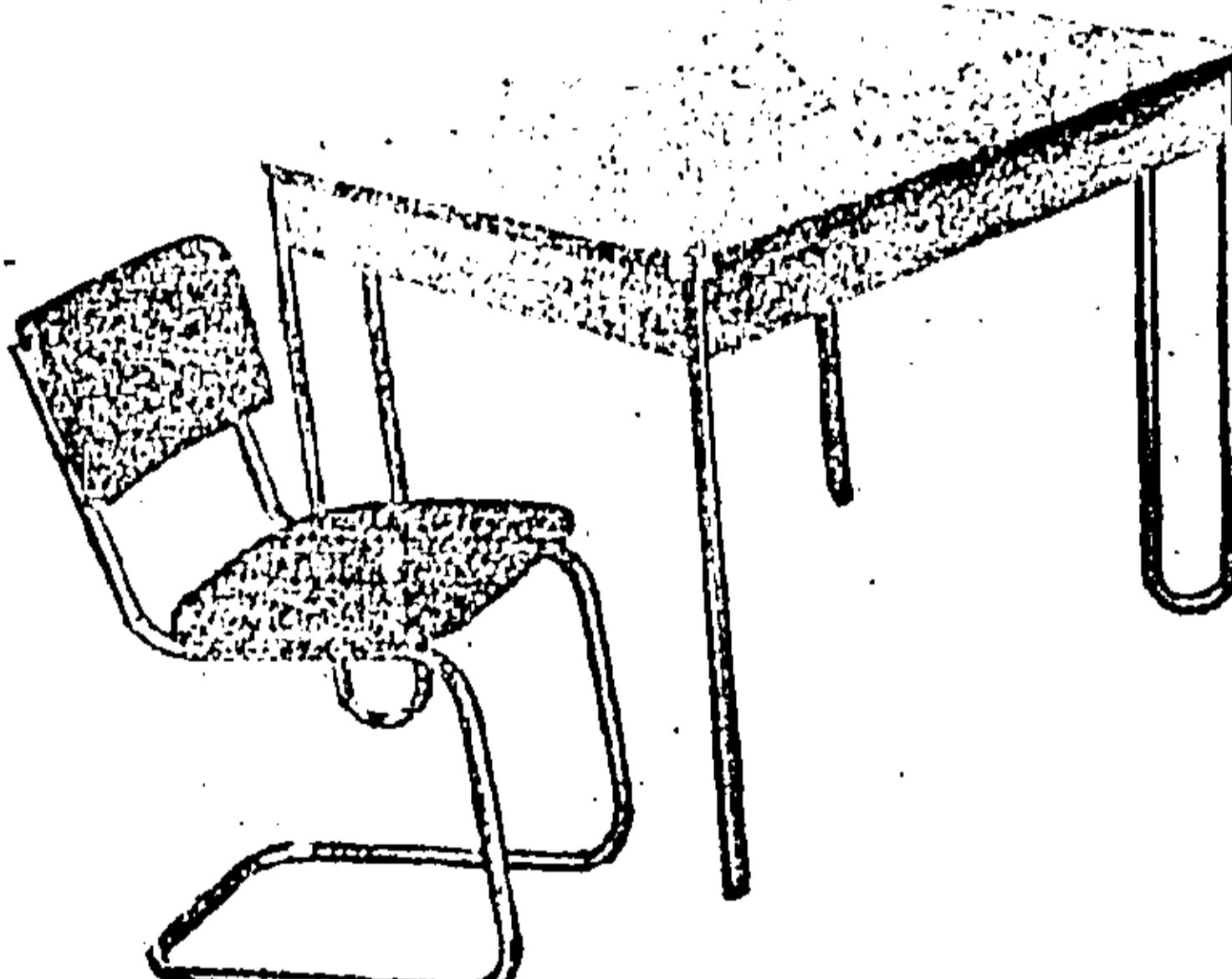
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VERDICT OF MURDER BY CORONER'S JURY Stabbing Of Small Boy In Kowloon

The murder of a four-year-old boy at Canton Road at 10.30 p.m. on Oct. 12 by one of three armed men was recalled before Mr. W. H. Latimer by Det. Sub-Inspector J. M. Forrest yesterday when an inquest was conducted. A verdict of "Murder by some person or persons unknown" was returned.

Rubber Company Meetings

The ordinary general meetings of Ralph Rubber & Tapioca Estate, Ltd.; Shanghai-Mulay Rubber Estates, Ltd., Sua Manggis Rubber Co., Ltd., Tebeng Rubber Estate, Ltd., Batu Anam (Jehore) Rubber Estates, Ltd., Anglo-Dutch (Java) Plantations, Ltd., Anglo Java Estates, Ltd., Java Consolidated Rubber & Coffee Estates, Ltd., Kroewok Java Plantations, Ltd.; and Ziangbie Rubber Co., Ltd., were held at St. George's Building yesterday, when Mr. W. A. Welch was in the Chair.

The working account for the Repah Rubber & Tapioca Estates, Ltd., for the period from January 1st, 1946 to March 31st 1947 showed a loss of HK\$17,451.01.

The working account for the Shanghai-Mulay Rubber Estates, Ltd., showed a profit of HK\$21,295.26.

The Manggis Rubber Co., Ltd., revealed a loss of HK\$27,042.55.

The Tebeng Rubber Estate Ltd., registered a profit of HK\$126,144.97.

The Batu Anam (Jehore) Rubber Estates, Ltd., showed a profit of HK\$16,572.91.

The Anglo-Dutch (Java) Plantations, Ltd.; Meeting adjourned and no accounts rendered.

The Anglo Java Estates, Ltd.; Meeting adjourned and no accounts rendered.

The Java Consolidated Rubber & Coffee Estates, Ltd.; Meeting adjourned and no accounts rendered.

Kroewok Java Plantations, Ltd.; No accounts rendered and meeting adjourned.

Ziangbie Rubber Co., Ltd.; Meeting adjourned and no accounts rendered.

War Memorial Fund

Donations received yesterday for the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund were:

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Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club \$300.00, Prof. and Mrs. Gordon King \$250.00. The Chinese Manufacturers Union \$200.00, Mr. & Mrs. G. Volkstaedt \$100.00, General Chamber of C & I of the Tung Kun District \$100.00, Eastern Trading Co., Ltd., \$100.00, In Memory of R. Edwards and J.R.M. Smith From Anonymous \$100.00, Mr. N. R. Ramsey \$100.00, Dr. & Mrs. G. E. Yeo \$50.00, Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Follett \$50, Mr. L. Goldman \$50, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gutierrez \$25.00, Leung New Chung \$20, Mr. Henry Wu \$10, Anonymous \$10 total \$3,455.00, Hong Kong Government Contribution \$3,455.00, Received to December 22nd, 1947 \$3,480.00 Grand Total: \$3,487,128.60

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		LIABILITIES
Bonds and Stocks	\$167,332,386.51	Reserve for Claims (Including Ad- justment Expense) \$ 19,516,668.66
(Valued as required by National Convention of Insurance Com- missioners)	96,228.60	Unearned Premium Reserve 40,244,580.34
Accrued Interest	5,195,000.00	Deposits Reclaimable on Perpetual Policies 1,11,145.15
Real Estate	15,393,837.54	Reserve for Taxes and Other Ex- penses 3,049,375.00
Cash in Banks and Office		Reinsurance Non-admitted Companies 1,953,335.05
Premiums in Course of Collection		Dividend Payable Jan. 15, 1947 2,625,000.00
(Not over 90 days due) and Other Assets	8,371,484.13	Voluntary Reserves 29,090,782.55
	8,371,484.13	Fluctuation in Security Values \$25,590,782.58
		Aviation Contingency Reserve \$2,500,000.00
		Capital Surplus 15,000,000.00
		Surplus 85,000,000.00
	\$196,590,936.73	\$196,590,936.73

If actual market values as of December 31, 1946, were used in valuing all stocks and bonds held by the Company at that date, the total admitted assets would show \$201,406,622.27
And the Voluntary Reserves as \$30,406,680.07

Note: Securities carried at \$2,630,552.87 in the above statement are deposited as required by law.

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V. WALKER,
Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd Dec., 1947.

NOTICE

The attention of all box
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(1939) which reads as follows:

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V. KENNIFF,
Director of Public Works.

Date: 19th December, 1947.

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Thursday, December 25th, 1947.

Friday, December 26th, 1947.

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Tentative Plan For China Aid

Washington, Dec. 22.
A tentative plan for aid to China has now been
drafted and is being reviewed by interested
Government departments including the Bud-
get Bureau before its submission to Congress
at the regular session starting on Jan. 6, State
Department sources disclosed.

Meanwhile, the Nanking Government has been
handed another \$18,000,000 in straight relief
by Congress. This will be in addition to the
\$27,700,000 worth of relief goods which only
now are flowing across the Pacific under the
post-UNRRA programme.

In addition, there is under-
stood to be still a trickle of
UNRRA goods entering China.
This flow should continue at
least until February by which
time Congressional considera-
tion of the State Department's
plan will be well under way.

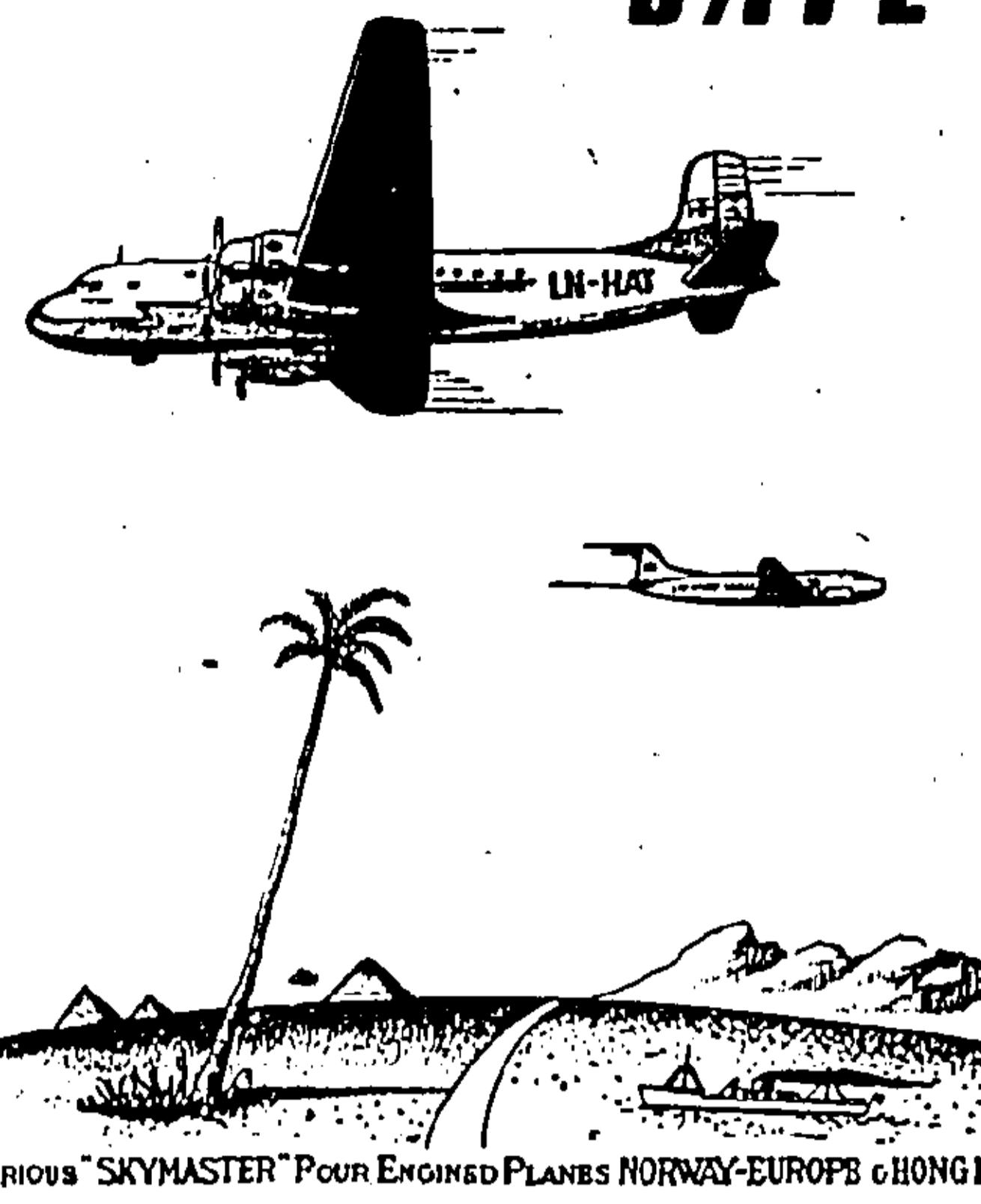
As far as is known here, this
plan provides for \$300,000,000
to start in April at the rate of
20,000,000 monthly.

Such a statement, it was un-
derstood here, would list the
conditions which the United
States would attach to the pro-
gramme to make it effective.

These conditions are expected
to include at least a pledge of
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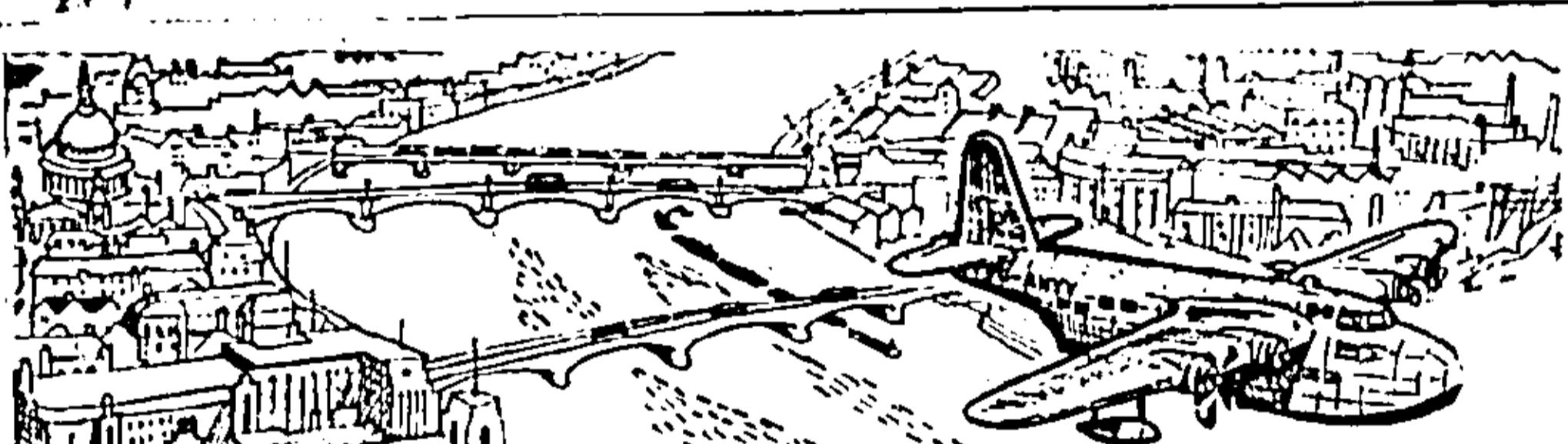
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END OF HOUSE OF SAVOY

New Charter For Italy Passed

Rome, Dec. 23. The Constituent Assembly last night approved a constitution for the Republic of Italy, thus formally ending the reign of the House of Savoy.

The vote, which marked the conclusion of 17 months of work on the charter, was 453 to 62, with most of the monarchists and Nationalists casting negative ballots.

Man Of Many Parts Arrested

Rome, Dec. 23.

Henri Toger Lievens, native of Etterbeek, Belgium, otherwise known as Uncleak Vaskanada, "representative of the Living Buddha in Europe," was arrested in Rome today on orders of the Ministry of the Interior after investigation by the Office of International Criminology.

According to the police, Lievens, besides being "legate for Europe of the great Buddhist sanctuaries of Asia" and "grand Sovereign 33 of the World Association of Master Masons," also was once a light opera artist and publicity agent. Lievens is wanted by the Belgian authorities for alleged collaboration with the Nazis and will be put into concentration camp, the Italian police said, because "extradition cannot be carried out for political crimes."

Lievens, who announced himself as the Tibetan prince Mianrain Kihil aum Kerenzi Lind, was stumped at a press conference by three Italian orientalists. He could not answer them when they addressed him in the language of Tibet. — United Press.

PRIESTS KILLED

Athens, Dec. 23.

The Greek press said today that three priests and a layman were abducted by guerrillas and their bodies later found in Macedonia. — Associated Press.

Enrico de Nicla, who under the constitution becomes the first President of the Republic, told the deputies in a message upon which "the judgment of history would be serene." De Nicla has been serving as Provisional President.

Italy actually was proclaimed a Republic on June 9, 1946 after a plebiscite on the issue went against the monarchy. The last king, Umberto II, subsequently went into exile in Portugal.

Today's action was carried out solemnly and with emotion. The deputies cheered when Vittorio Emanuele Orlando, Italian Premier in World War I and the last surviving member of the Big Four signers of the Versailles Treaty, spoke of the work the Assembly had done and ended with the words: "God Save Italy."

Premier Alcide de Gasperi pledged his Government to the new charter and expressed the hope that the future would find the same concord that today's voting displayed. — Associated Press.

MONSOON DRAMA IN FORMOSA STRAITS

Shanghai, Dec. 23. The CNRRA Water transport ocean-going tug, "Sea Lion," skippered by Captain Harry Hammond, from Manly, Australia, featured in a near disaster off the north coast of Formosa during the week-end.

A surplus U.S. Navy LST it was towing broke loose after a 12-hour battle with the north-eastern monsoon which is sweeping the Straits of Formosa, according to private despatches received here this morning.

Earlier in the day, a large wire cable, nearly six inches in circumference, began sweeping across the aft deck and took away the roller stops which regulate the sweep of the cable.

Calling his officers and men on deck, Captain Hammond effected emergency repairs, and when he saw that the sudden roll sent men sprawling, he ordered them off the decks and tried to veer the ship to ease the strain on the cable.

For 12 hours, the Sea Lion fought head-on seas, and then, in the small hours of the morning, the officer on watch felt the tow give and the LST broke away.

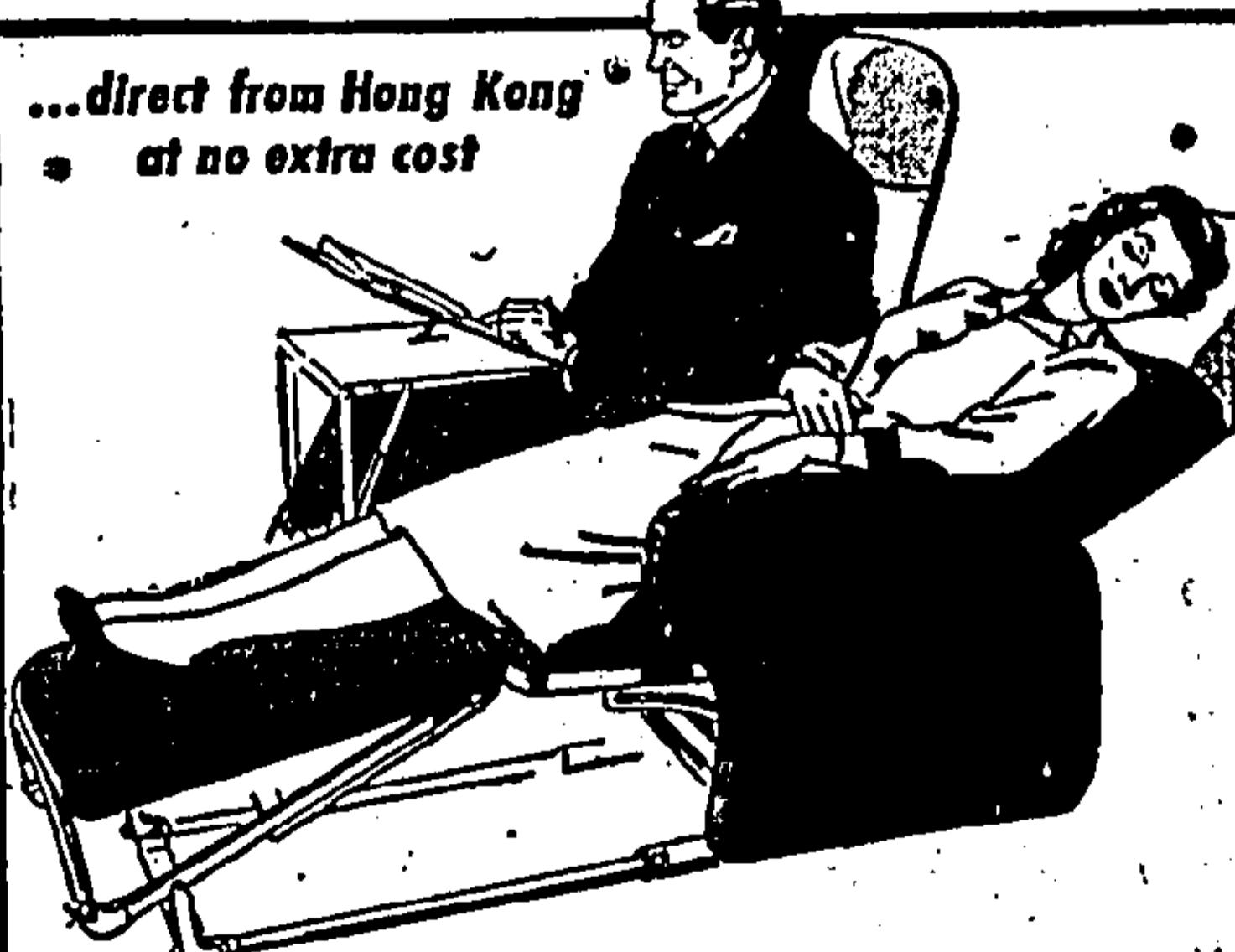
Investigation revealed that the force of the monsoon had actually snapped the cable in two.

Awaiting daylight, the Sea Lion went in search of the tow and found that it had drifted towards Keelung, near which she anchored for another tow attempt when the weather clears up.

The Chief Engineer of the Sea Lion is also an Australian, Mr. Bob Duncan, from Innisfail, Queensland, and well-known on the Australian coast.

Captain Hammond sailed with the United States Army in New Guinea and the Philippines during the war. — Reuter.

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MR. BEVIN ON

Europe Recovery Plan

Reference To Soviet Bickering

Great Response At Paris Talks

London, Dec. 22. Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, addressing the Association of American Correspondents today, said that the European recovery programme had a definite objective. "European recovery is one of the biggest contributions to world recovery. It is still the cradle of civilisation, and is still a wonderful place with a great history. A significant fact is that there is wealth in any of our countries which not some hidden pool of money or it never entered our heads that anyone would misinterpret or cause misunderstanding or bickering as a result of this great offer. Indeed even now we cannot understand why propaganda should continue to try and use this benevolent act of the United States to split the world into two camps", Mr. Bevin declared.

Mr. Bevin said that he welcomed the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall's idea that Europe should help herself.

"This action has produced a magnificent response", he said. "France is making a supreme effort, facing her internal difficulties, financial and others, and preparing herself to utilize to the full the offer that has been made.

"I can only say I wish France success and may she come back to all her glory.

"What is true of France is true of Italy and indeed all sixteen countries which assembled in Paris", the Foreign Secretary declared.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 23. MR. ROBERT ("YOUNG BOB") LAFOLLETTE, FORMER SENATOR, MAY BE APPOINTED TO THE IMPORTANT POST OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MARSHALL PLAN.

"Young Bob" is the present representative of the famous American political dynasty and the son of "Fighting Bob" Lafollette, who founded the now defunct Progressive Party before the First World War.

In an interview with Reuter, Mr. Lafollette declined to discuss the possibility of his assuming the Marshall Plan post, but said that he was completely behind the present European reconstruction programme and strongly favoured the type of administration recommended to Congress by President Truman.

The former Senator is now 51—a short, dumpy man with thick-lensed glasses beneath a full head of dark hair carefully parted in the middle.

Mr. Lafollette's suitability for the Marshall old post arises, firstly, from his membership of the Harriman Committee on which he played a big part in evolving the idea of a single government administration for the aid plan, secondly, because of his prestige and strong links with the Republican Party he would almost certainly be acceptable to the Senate in a post which will be the subject of meticulous and constant Congressional scrutiny. —Reuter.

B29'S RECORD

Spokane, Dec. 23. A B-29 based at the Spokane Army Air field on Thursday completed a 4,539-mile tour of the United States in 22 hours and 50 minutes, the Air Force announced.

The flight set a new unofficial long distance record for combat-equipped B-29 bombers. —Associated Press.

TOMBSTONES WERE

DEATH OF HIM

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 23. A tractor trailer loaded with 14 tons of tombstones struck and killed John Schoonmaker today. —Reuter.

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RUSSIA ROCKET REPORT

Washington, Dec. 23. Congressman Harris Ellsworth (Republican of Oregon) said here today that the Soviet Union was reported to have a rocket of amazing speed and "almost limitless range."

The new Soviet rocket was propelled by a series of explosions several seconds apart, "each successive explosion shooting the missile forward at an increased speed", he said.

The explosive charges were packed separately and held apart by metal discs which were ejected like empty cartridge shells as each charge was fired. —Reuter.

Tension Mounting In Saigon

SAIGON, DEC. 23. SOURCES SAID THAT 14 MEMBERS OF FRENCH MILITARY CONVOY WERE KILLED TODAY IN AN ATTACK BY VIET NAMSE NATIONALISTS IN THE HINTERLAND. VIET NAMSE CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED TO BE CONSIDERABLE.

Tension mounted, meanwhile in Saigon, where some sources expressed fear of a winter offensive by the Viet Minh—armed force of the Viet Nam Republic which has been fighting for independence from France.

Patrols in Saigon stopped and searched all vehicles and pedestrians during the night after the infiltration of nationalist elements.

Authorities imposed a night curfew and set fires in a zone along the riverfront "to prevent the Viet Minh from machine-gunning the harbour and docks." —Associated Press.

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MOSCUE BOMBED

Calcutta, Dec. 23. A bomb, which blew up in a mosque at Raigarh (Central Provinces) last evening while a congregation was at prayers, killed two worshippers and very seriously injured seven.

After the explosion, police posted pickets through the town, capital of Raigarh State in the Eastern States, group of the Central Provinces, about 300 m. from here. —Reuter.

The Department of Imports and Exports will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25, Friday, Dec. 26, and Thursday, Jan. 1, for all purposes except for entry and clearance of ships, manifests between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.



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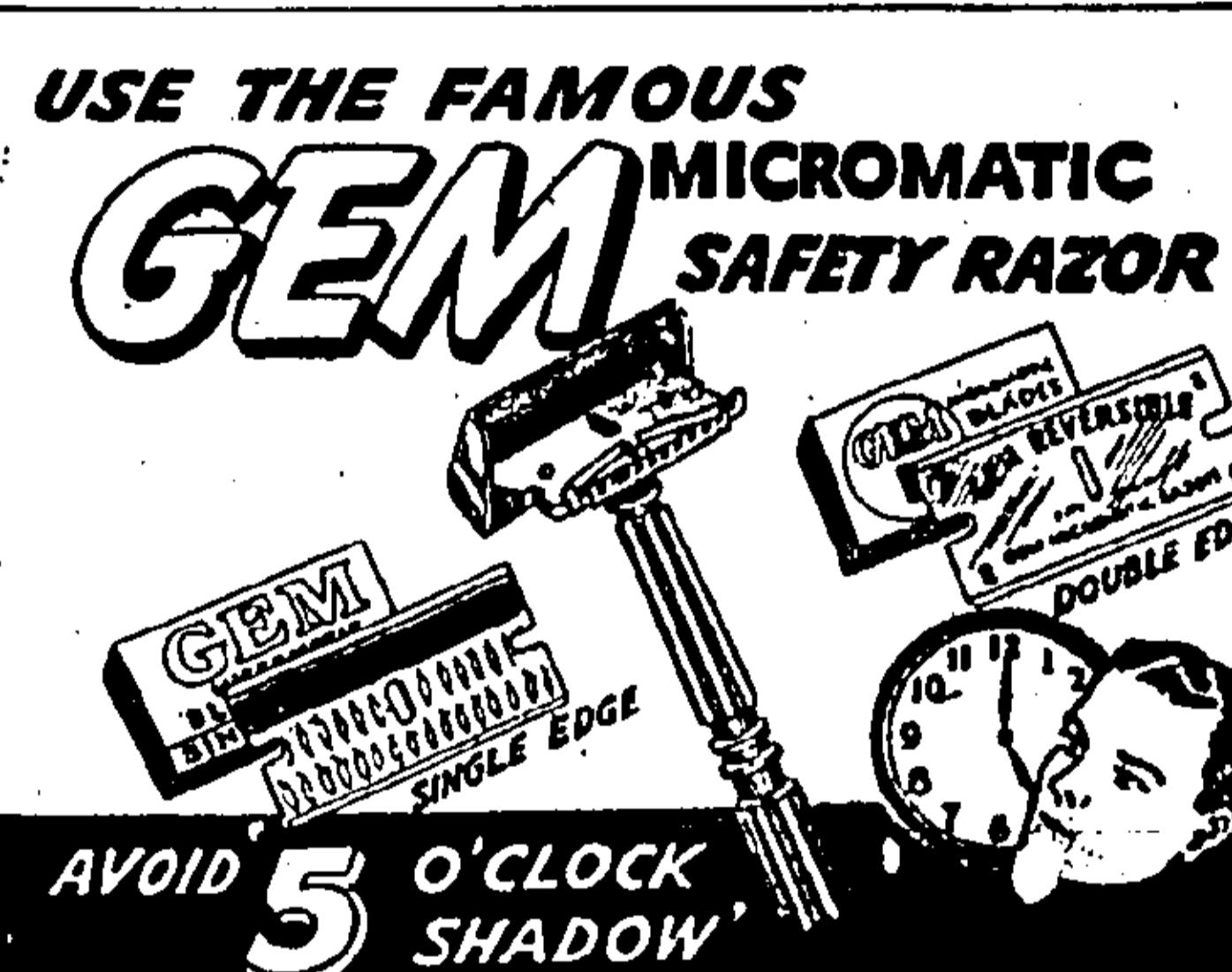
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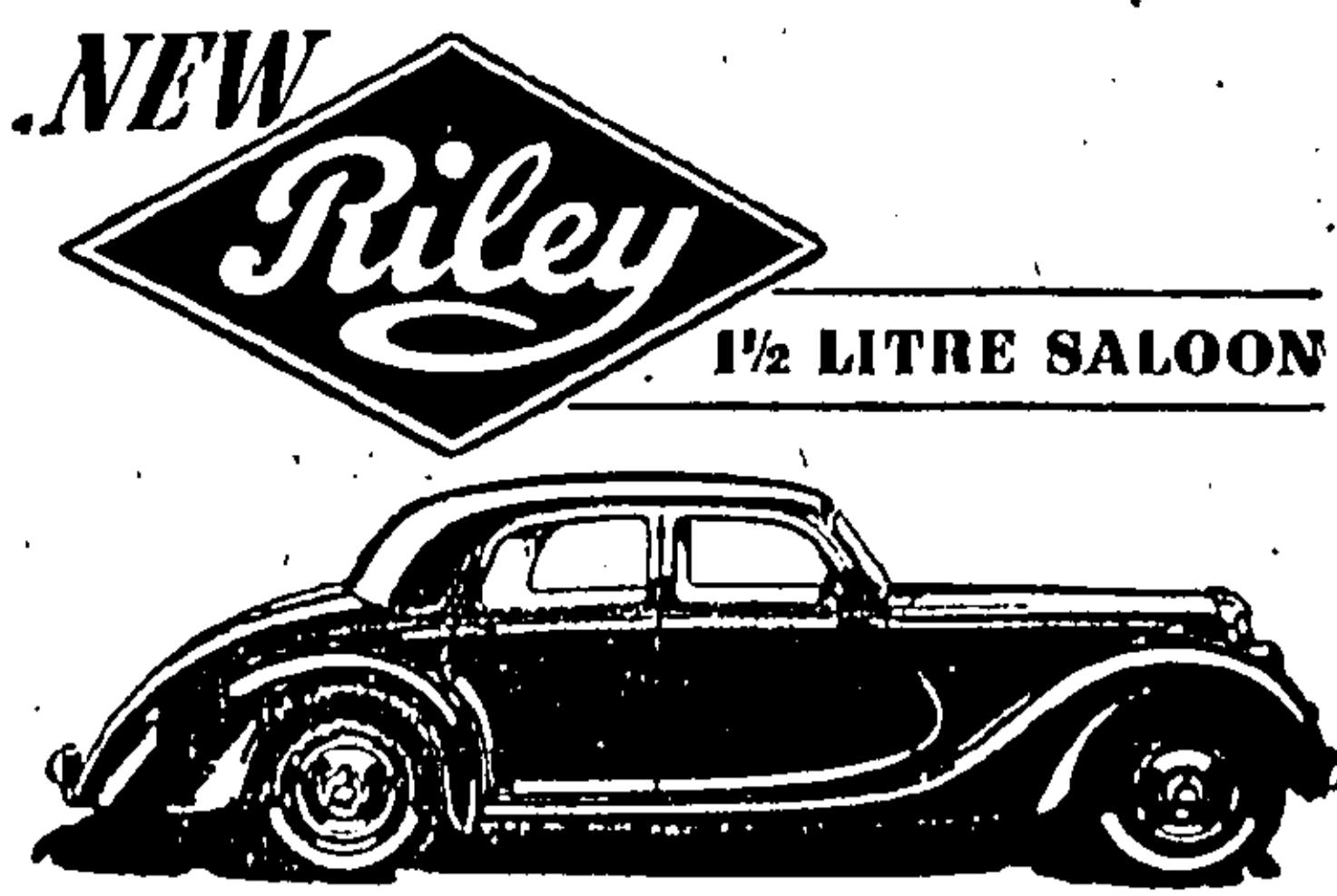
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Campaign Launched To Stifle Attempts To Reduce Or Delay Aid "Gift Rather Than A Loan"

Washington, Dec. 22.—A committee of prominent American citizens—"The Committee for the Marshall Plan to Aid European Recovery"—today launched an active campaign to stifle any Congressional attempts to reduce or delay the aid programme or to tie political or economic "strings" to it. The Committee is headed by the former Secretary of War, Mr. Henry Stimson, another former Secretary of War, Mr. Robert Patterson, and former Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

The Committee has similarly warned against jeopardising the whole European aid programme.

In launching the campaign at a press conference here today, Mr. Acheson declared: "You cannot cut down what the Truman Administration has asked for during the first 15 months—\$6,000,000,000—without jeopardising the whole programme."

It would be helpful if the 16-nation Conference in Paris were convened again "to arrange details of uniting organisation and mutual assistance and thus assure Congress in advance of the reality of its intentions", he added.

The Committee criticised the opinion expressed in many Congressional quarters that the plan should be voted on a year-by-year basis rather than all at one time.

Warning

"If the 16 European nations carry out their part, we must be prepared to carry out ours," it was said.

"If we do not approve of the whole scheme, Europe will wonder if we really mean it."

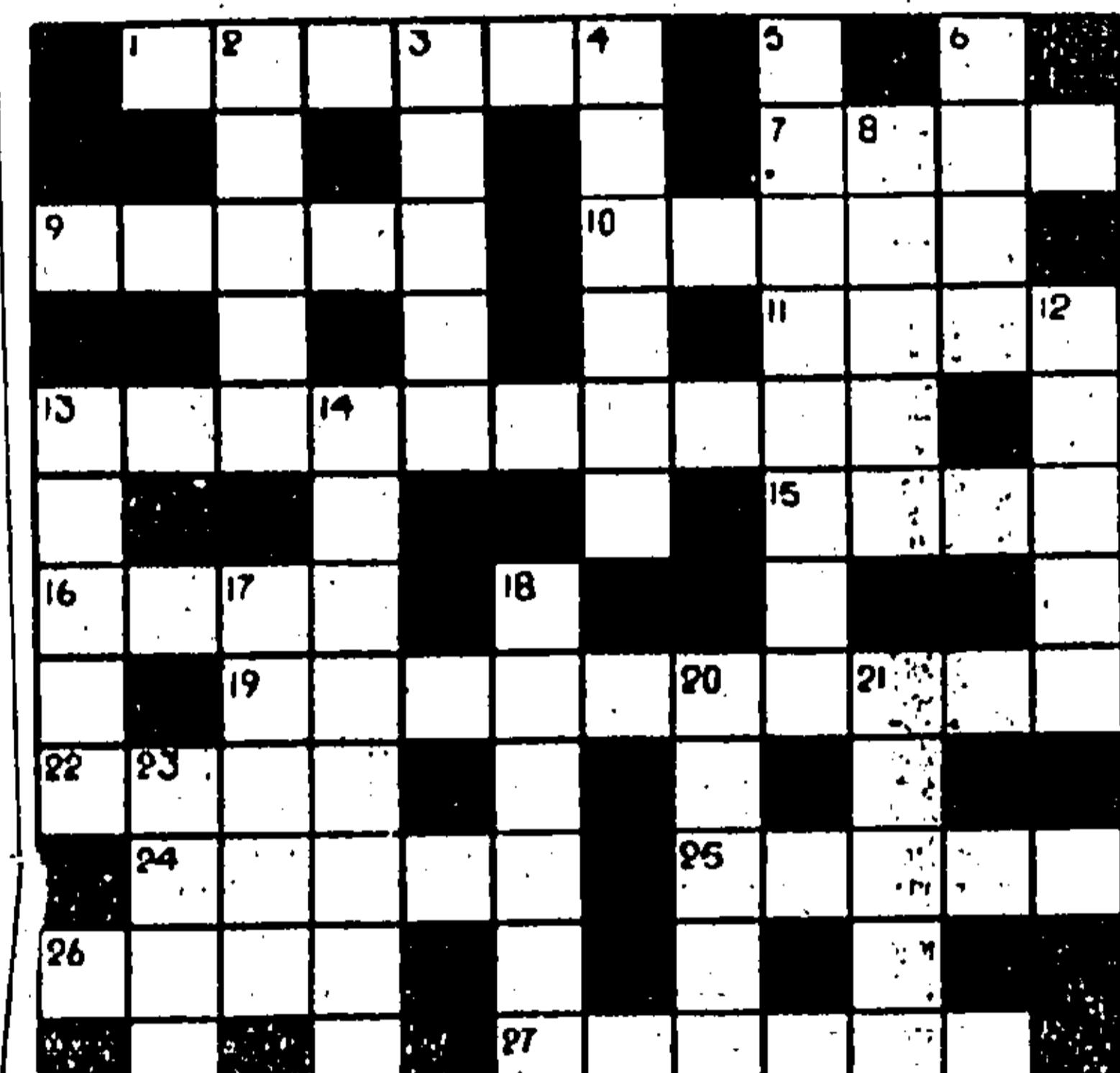
Warning against any political "strings" being attached to the scheme, Mr. Acheson declared: "We should not ask of others what we should find humiliating to accept ourselves if we were in their position."

Mr. Acheson couched his plan that most of the money should be given rather than loaned with insistence that any demand that the European

nations give up their gold securities would be a "foolish folly."

"You cannot expect Europe to make such a staggering increase in production as we propose and still repay thousands of millions of dollars in debts. Likewise in so far as you demand that they liquidate their resources you create a new and more difficult balance of payments problem,"—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Run away.
- 2 Mountain goat.
- 3 Commerce.
- 4 Artist's band.
- 5 Breaches.
- 6 Determination.
- 7 Pepper.
- 8 Spill.
- 9 Biped.
- 10 Code.
- 11 Raid.
- 12 Alien.
- 13 Sere.
- 14 Album.
- 15 Egotist.
- 16 Raid.
- 17 Alien.
- 18 Alien.
- 19 Voice.
- 20 Ment.
- 21 Pin.
- 22 Egotist.
- 23 Alien.
- 24 Alien.
- 25 Alien.
- 26 Alien.
- 27 Alien.

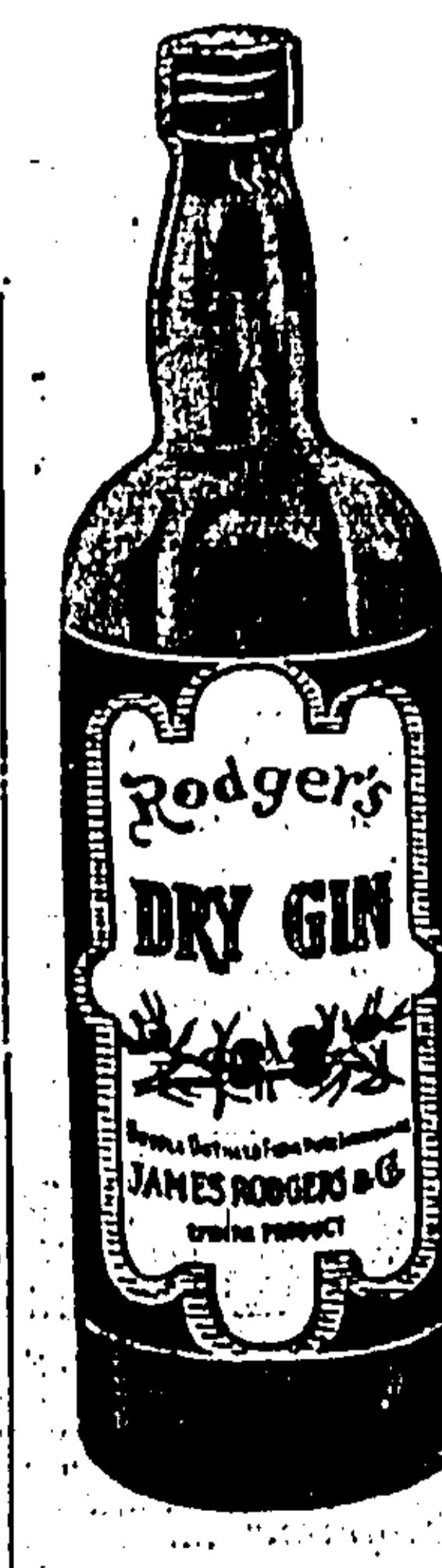
Yesterday's Crossword

Across:—1 Pepper, 4 Trick, 7 Egotist, 8 Spill, 10 Sire, 12 Raged, 15 Biped, 16 Code, 17 Raid, 19 Alien, 20 Egotist, 21 Sere, 23 Album, 24 Re-past, 25 Green, 26 Friend.

Clues Down

- 12 Room.
- 13 Drives back.
- 14 Clever worker.
- 15 Small fish.
- 16 Egotists.
- 17 Pluck.
- 18 Ingenuous.
- 19 Lazy.

Down:—1 Pleasure, 2 Prohibited, 3 Ever, 5 Replaces, 6 Calmed, 7 Ladle, 11 Ridicule, 12 Realm, 13 Generate, 14 Deserter, 18 Antler, 22 Pear.



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Mr. George Marshall, U.S. Secretary of State, and M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, raised their glasses in a mutual toast at a lunch given by the former to the latter at 14 Prince's Gate, the London home of the American Ambassador. The occasion was the eve of the Big Four talks on German reparations. (AP Photo.)

"Complete Failure" In China

WASHINGTON, DEC. 23.—AMERICA'S FOREIGN POLICY IN CHINA WAS DESCRIBED AS A "COMPLETE FAILURE" BY THE REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVE, MR. WALTER JUDD, OF MINNESOTA, TODAY.

He said that the Congressional authorisation of \$60,000,000 credit to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would force the State Department to abandon plans for "economic aid" in favour of military aid, and he predicted that Congress would give China \$60,000,000 before the end of January.

A former missionary in China and the chief spokesman for the group which added China to the emergency relief programme, which Congress approved in a special session, Mr. Judd said in a statement, that military goods could be turned over to China from stockpiles already existing there.

"The release of these supplies would actually give us relief from the costs now incurred in storage and guarding," he said.

Mr. Judd said that not one shell had been turned over to the Chinese Nationalists since May, 1946, when the State Department's "neutral policy" went into effect.—Reuter.

CLAIMS ON NAZI LOOTINGS

Information concerning the submission of claims by persons dispossessed of property in Germany under the Nazi regime in respect of such property, is available at the Colonial Secretariat to any persons now resident in Hong Kong who may wish to make such claims.

Leung Hung, baker, was cautioned by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday for playing football in Wo'd Road. Defendant said that he was not playing football but was waiting for some friends. The constable who arrested him said that he was seen kicking a ball against a wall.

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"EMPIRE BRENT"	U.K. via Straits	Amsterdam & Colombo	24th Jan.
"DEVONSHIRE"	U.K.	Shanghai	13th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	Shanghai	16th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K.	Shanghai	24th Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K.	& Continent	27th Feb.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"STRATHNAVER"	U.K.	24th Dec.
"LANCASHIRE"	Kure	29th Dec.
"TREVPOSE"	Genoa, London	29th Dec.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	16th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	Shanghai	25th Jan.
"DEVONSHIRE"	Shanghai	16th Feb.
"CANTON"	Shanghai	15th Feb.
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"TREVAYLOR"	& Continent	24th Feb.

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"STRAAT SOENDA" South America, South Africa, South America, 23rd Jan. 1948. 8th Feb. 1948.

DELI-STRAITS-CHINA LINE
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"HEINRICH JESSEN" In Port Sailing for Singapore, Penang & Batavia Dell 9th Jan. 1948.

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Genua/Marseille/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/Gothenburg/Oslo, 21st Dec.

"LEOPOLDSKERK" Due from Europe, first week of Jan. 1948. Sailing for Shanghai & Japan Loading for Manila/Singapore/ Colombo/ Port Said/Haifa/ Genua/Marseille/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/ Gothenburg/ Oslo, beginning of February 1948.

"MOLENKERK" Due from Europe on or about 1-15 Jan. Loading for Manila/Singapore/ Colombo/ Port Said/Haifa/ Genua/Marseille/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/ Gothenburg/ Middle of Feb.

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	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"

ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Pacific Coast	1st Jan.	m.v. "MANGALORE"
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	Early Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
	Late Jan.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"

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For	Date	Vessel
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Washington, Dec. 22.
 President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers
 said that increased production alone will not
 head off another United States depression. It
 called on business leaders to lower prices and
 accept less profits and urged labour to end its
 restrictive practices.

The Council told Mr. Truman in the second annual
 report on the economic state of the nation that
 present boom conditions are the result of "ab-
 normal circumstances."

"An accelerated production or
 enlarging the flow of current
 product will not alone solve the
 problem of how to maintain a
 maximum level of production,"
 the Council said.

In a sweeping review of the
 economic situation, the Council:
 "Will our present economic
 problem of inflation, high cost of
 living, threatened recession and
 all the rest be solved by produc-
 tion, more production and still
 more production? Or may full
 production in catching up with the
 market demand forces disastrous
 price breaks, result in produc-
 tion cutbacks and thus prove to
 be its own undoing?"

The Council did not recom-
 mend a specific legislative pro-
 gramme, nor did it touch on
 many current controversies over
 price control, rationing and allo-
 cations.—United Press.

Delaying The Day

Thirdly, called for the wiping out of "gross imbalances" at both
 ends of the wage scale. It said
 that people in the middle and
 lower ranks "should get a larger
 share of goods."

Fourthly, called for management-worker cooperation to re-
 form their methods of dealing.

Fifthly, urged business to take
 the "responsibility for a more
 stable practice in planning its
 investment and operative pro-
 grammes."

Sixthly, said that maximum
 production is the product of real
 price competition which it de-
 fined price consistent with a fair
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A Question

The Council said: "It is es-
 clear that in reaching this equi-
 librium many industrial prices

will be curbed," the Council said.

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Dec. 26, BOAC (Capt. Johnson), 2:10 p.m.

Manila: Dec. 23, Cathay Pacific noon.

Shanghai: Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10:45 a.m.

Dec. 24, IIAK Airways (Capt. Raeburn), 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 26, IIAK Airways (Capt. Varley), 3:30 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai): Dec. 25, Pan-American, 4:45 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila): Dec. 27, Pan-American, 12:45 p.m.

Salton: Dec. 26, Air France, 2 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO
Poole via Bangkok: Dec. 24, BOAC (Capt. Horn), 8 a.m.

Bangkok: Dec. 27, Pan-American, 2:15 p.m.

Manila: Dec. 25, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Shanghai: Daily, CNAC (DC4), 11:45 a.m.

Dec. 25, IIAK Airways (Capt. Varley), 10 a.m.

San Francisco (via Manila, Guan, Wake, Honolulu): Dec. 26, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Swatow, Saigon (via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake, Honolulu): Dec. 20, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE Outward Mails

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On Thursday, 25th and Friday, 26th December 1947, The General Post Office and Post Offices General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon and the other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one distribution of Ordinary and Registered Correspondence at 10 a.m. and one Collection only from 11 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Parcels otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcels will close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail and will close before 10:00 a.m. Registered and Parcels will close at 5:00 p.m. on previous day.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

CLOSING TIMES BY AIR

Airmail for Swatow, Tainan and Amoy, (Rec'd. 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9:30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, (Rec'd. 9:30 a.m., (Ord.) 12 a.m.)

Airmail for Manila, P.I. (Rec'd. 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3:30 p.m.)

Airmail for Canton, Liuchow and Kunming, (Rec'd. 10 a.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3:30 p.m.)

Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinan and Peiping, (Rec'd. 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3:30 p.m.)

Airmail for Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Rec'd. 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3:30 p.m.)

CLOSING TIMES BY Sea and Train

Guangzhou, Tsinan and Shekki, 8 a.m.

Shanghai, 1 p.m.

Macau, Tsinan and Shekki, 1 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy, 3 p.m.

Beira, 3 p.m.

Macau, Tsinan and Shekki, 4 p.m.

Koningshoek, 5 p.m.

Canton, 6 p.m.

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Loi Sung (Jardine's) from Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai, 10 a.m. Dec. 27

Wing Sung (Jardine's) from Shanghai and Keelung, 10 a.m. Dec. 27

Ormara (P. & O.) from Shanghai, Jan. 2

Bangkok (Aptar) from Shanghai, Jan. 13

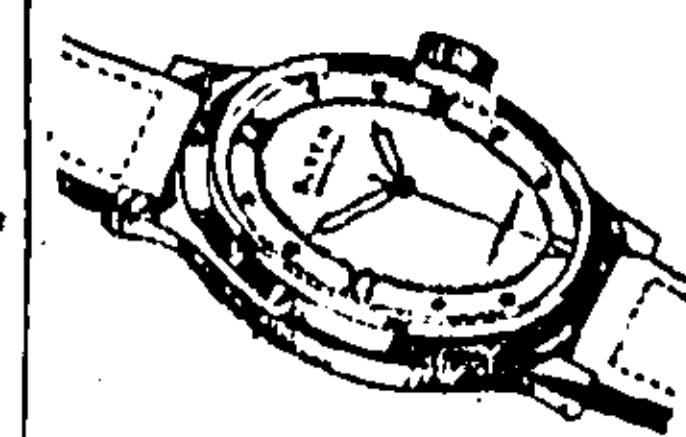
Jinmen (U.S.A.) from Shanghai, Dec. 29

Shantou (U.S.A.) from Shanghai, Dec. 29

Fort Riley (Texas) (Rec'd. 10 a.m. Dec. 29)

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FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	G.	A.	Pts.
Blackburn	16	13	1	3	63	22	30
China	16	11	3	3	52	24	24
St. John's	16	11	3	3	51	25	23
Blackburn	16	11	3	3	49	32	22
Leeds	15	8	1	6	31	21	17
Forest	15	7	2	6	29	20	16
West. F.	15	7	1	7	23	11	14
Bull.	15	7	1	7	45	14	14
St. John's	15	5	1	9	30	31	11
Blackburn	15	5	1	9	28	9	11
St. John's	15	4	1	10	24	19	10
China	16	2	3	11	36	31	6
St. John's	16	2	3	11	22	11	6
Blackburn	15	1	3	11	52	5	5

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	G.	A.	Pts.
Blackburn	15	10	6	1	62	22	22
China	15	9	6	0	53	21	21
St. John's	15	9	6	0	51	21	21
K.M. Hill	15	8	1	6	49	21	17
Blackburn	15	8	1	6	49	21	17
St. John's	15	7	2	6	31	21	16
China	15	7	2	6	30	21	16
Bull.	15	7	2	6	30	21	16
St. John's	15	5	1	9	32	11	11
Blackburn	15	5	1	9	32	11	11
China	15	4	1	10	30	31	6
St. John's	15	3	3	9	31	31	6
Blackburn	15	2	3	10	30	31	6
China	15	2	3	10	30	31	6
Bull.	15	1	3	11	32	11	6
St. John's	15	1	3	11	32	11	6

SQUASH TITLE

London, Dec. 22.

Major and E. Kasmin, professional to the Sporting Club at Cairo, became the open squash racket champion of the British Isles when he defeated the holder, James Dean, of Queen's Club, London by 5-9, 7-9, 9-8, 9-7, 9-3, at the Royal Automobile Club, London today.

Kasmin won the first leg of the best of three series by three games to zero last week. Results.

CUP REPLAY

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